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SUBJECT: AMERICAN PRISONERS IN SANTA MARTA
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1. CONGRESSMAN ROBERT E. BADHAM INTERESTED.
2. EMBASSY IS INCLINED TO DISCOUNT REPORTED RESUMPTION OF EXTORTION RACKET IN SANTA MARTA. VISITING A&D OFFICERS ARE CONSTANTLY ON ALERT FOR REPORTS OF ALLEGED EXTORTION IN SANTA MARTA AND OTHER PRISONS IN FEDERAL DISTRICT. DURING LAST VISIT MARCH 16 TO SANTA MARTA BY CONOFF AND CONASST ALL PRISONERS WERE INTERVIEWED AND NONE MADE A COMPLAINT ABOUT EXTORTION IN SANTA MARTA.
3. SANTA MARTA'S NEW DIRECTOR, LIC. ALBERTO ANTOLIN APPEARS TO BE A CONSCIENTIOUS PROFESSIONAL WHO IS VIGOROUSLY ATTACKING THE PROBLEMS INHERITED FROM HIS LAX PREDECESSOR. HE RECENTLY ASKED FOR EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN PROVIDING TRAINED DOGS TO ASSIST HIM IN CLEANING UP THE LONG-STANDING DRUGS TRAFFIC WITHIN THE PRISON. (HE WAS REFERRED TO THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND RECEIVED THE PROMISE OF A LOAN OF TWO DOGS TRAINED TO DETECT NARCOTICS.) HE HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN CALLING ON CONSUL GENERAL, AND WE WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS

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INTERVIEW TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS AT SANTA MARTA,
INCLUDING ANY ALLEGATIONS OF EXTORTION.

4. BEFORE DISCUSSING ALLEGATIONS OF EXTORTION WITH DIRECTOR AND WITH PRISONERS, HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF DEPARTMENT WOULD ELABORATE ON ALLEGED CHARGES OF EXTORTION AND INDICATE WHICH PRISONERS CLAIM TO BE VICTIMS

OF THIS ABUSE. THOMPSON

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